

ABSTRACT

5        Methods and compositions for the prevention and treatment of all forms of atherosclerosis are described. Administration of compounds such as thalidomide, its analogs, hydrolysis products, metabolites, derivatives and precursors as well as additional compounds capable of inhibiting tumor necrosis factor  $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ) are used in the invention.

Also disclosed is the coating of prosthetic devices, such as stents, with the  
10 compounds of the invention for the prevention and/or treatment of restenosis.

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